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Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups: Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chair of the Commission, Ms. Janina Hasse-Mohsine (Germany), on the basis of informal consultations

The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Modalities for the third review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that, in the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, adopted by the Second World Assembly on Ageing, held in Madrid from 8 to 12 April 2002,[1] the systematic review of its implementation by Member States was requested as being essential for its success in improving the quality of life of older persons,

Recalling also that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2003/14 of 21 July 2003, invited Governments, the United Nations system and civil society to participate in a bottom-up approach to the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action,

Bearing in mind that the Commission for Social Development, in its resolution 42/1 of 13 February 2004, decided to undertake the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action every five years,[2]

[1] *Report of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid, 8-12 April 2002* (United Nations publications, Sales No. E.02.IV.4), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[2] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2004, Supplement No. 6* (E/2004/26), chap. I, sect. E.

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Recalling that, in its resolution 2014/7 of 12 June 2014, it noted that the third review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action would take place in 2017, at the fifty-fifth session of the Commission for Social Development,

Taking note of the work of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing and its contribution to the implementation and follow-up of the Madrid Plan of Action,

Recognizing the continued need to give due consideration to the situation of older persons in the ongoing discussion on the post-2015 development agenda,

Noting the appointment by the Human Rights Council of the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons,[3] whose mandate includes the assessment of the human rights implications of the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General,[4]

1. *Endorses* the timeline for carrying out the third review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002,[1] as outlined in the report of the Secretary-General, which, inter alia, determines that the global review will take place in 2018;[4]

2. *Decides* that the procedure for the third review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action will follow the set procedure of the second review and appraisal exercise;

3. *Invites* Member States to identify actions they have taken since the second review and appraisal exercise, with the aim of presenting this information to the regional commissions during 2017, and invites each Member State to decide for itself the actions or activities it intends to review, utilizing a bottom-up participatory approach;

4. *Encourages* Member States to establish or strengthen a national coordinating body or mechanism, as appropriate, in order to, inter alia, facilitate the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action, including its review and appraisal;

5. *Also encourages* Member States to utilize more fully, within their specific national circumstances, a bottom-up participatory approach to the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action by inviting, inter alia, organizations of older persons to participate in the review processes at the national and regional levels by submitting the views of their members on the implementation of the Plan of Action and on regional plans of action;

6. *Invites* Member States to consider utilizing, in their national review and appraisal exercises, a combination of quantitative and participatory qualitative data-gathering and analysis, including, where appropriate, sharing of best practices in such data collection;

7. *Requests* the regional commissions to continue to facilitate the review and appraisal exercise at the regional level, including through consultation with relevant regional bodies, as appropriate, by, inter alia:

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[3] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 53A* (A/68/53/Add.1), chap. III, resolution 24/20.

[4] E/CN.5/2015/4.

(a) Providing assistance to Member States, upon request, in the organization of their national review and appraisal exercises;

(b) Organizing regional review meetings;

(c) Using an inclusive, consistent and coordinated approach in relation to the participation of civil society in the planning and evaluation processes of the review and appraisal exercise;

(d) Promoting networking and the sharing of information and experiences;

(e) Providing an analysis of the main findings, identifying key priority action areas and good practices and suggesting policy responses by 2017;

8. *Requests* the United Nations system to continue to support Member States in their national review and appraisal efforts by providing, upon their request, technical assistance for capacity-building;

9. *Encourages* Member States and United Nations organizations, where appropriate, to provide support to the regional commissions in facilitating the review and appraisal process and in organizing regional meetings to review national review and appraisal results in 2017;

10. *Invites* Member States and the United Nations system, including the agencies, funds and programmes of the system, to take concrete measures to mainstream ageing issues, including the views of older persons, into their own programming and existing United Nations mandates;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission for Social Development at its fifty-fifth session, in 2017, a report, including an analysis of the preliminary findings of the third review and appraisal exercise, together with an identification of prevalent and emerging issues and related policy options;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission at its fifty-sixth session, in 2018, a report, including the conclusions of the third review and appraisal exercise, together with the identification of prevalent and emerging issues and related policy options.